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Filing of nomination papers from tomorrow

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*Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra seen addressing a press meet in city this morning as (from left) **SP Seema Latkar, City Police Commissioner Ramesh Banoth, MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy and ZP CEO K.M. Gayathri look on.***

Mysuru, Apr. 12 (RK&BCT)- The poll process for the May 10 Karnataka Assembly elections will be formally set in motion tomorrow (Apr. 13) with the issuance of gazette notification. Following this, candidates can file their nomination papers.

According to the Election Commission's (EC) schedule of events, the last date to file nominations is Apr. 20. The scrutiny of papers will be on Apr. 21 and the last date of withdrawal of candidature is Apr. 24. Polling is on May 10 and counting of votes on May 13.

Addressing a press conference at the DC's Office this morning, DC Dr. K.V. Rajendra, who is the District Electoral Officer said that the Election Commission has — through various implementing agencies of the Model Code of Conduct — seized cash, freebies, gold worth Rs. 1,47,91,218.

Of the total worth of seizures, goods and cash worth Rs. 8,64,865 have been released as the carriers were found genuine and not for poll inducements. Cash, gold and goods worth Rs. 1,39,26,353 are still under the possession of the Election Commission. 17,61,49.40 litres of liquor worth Rs. 3,63,40,561 and 17.53 kg drugs worth Rs. 6,14,250 have been confiscated.

"We have deployed 242 sector officers, 51 flying squads (in 3 shifts), 53 static surveillance teams (in 3 shifts), 12 video surveillance teams, 11 video-viewing teams, 11 accounting teams and 17 assistant expenditure observers to conduct a free and fair elections," the DC said.

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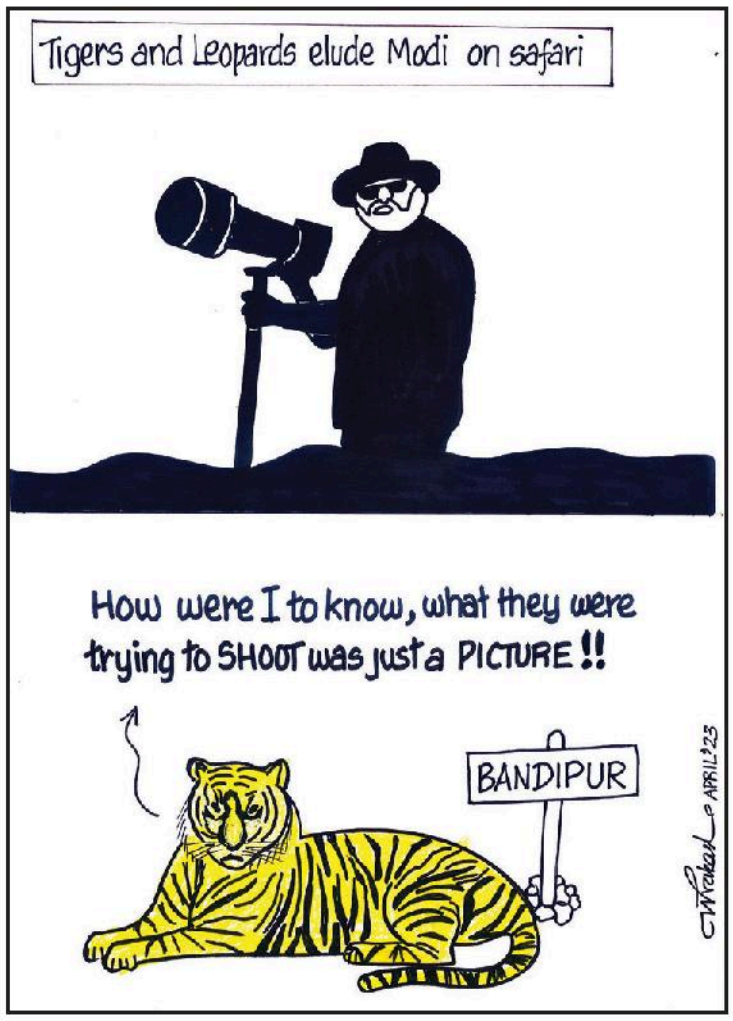
TEASER

By N. Prakash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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Wednesday 12th April 2023

V.N. Prasad and Troupe to present Musical Nite

Mysuru, Apr. 12- V. N. Prasad and Troupe will be presenting a Musical Nite "All Duets" of old Hindi songs at Kalamandira from 6 pm on Apr.23 (Sunday).

Legendary singer Mohammed Rafi's daughter and son-in-law will be attending the event.

The programme will be held under the aegis of Rotary Ivory City Mysuru of which Prasad is a Charter Member. The programme is a "Thanksgiving Concert" in appreciation of all the individuals and institutions that have helped the Club in its Community Service Projects.

Entry for the programme is free.

World Health Day by FPA India

Mysuru, Apr. 12 - Family Planning Association of India (FPA India), Mysuru Branch, along with Rotary Ivory City Mysuru and RUDSET Institute, Mysuru, had organised World Health Day on Apr.10 at RUDSET premises in Hinkal.

Ananda Nayaka, Director, RUDSET, inaugurated the programme. Padmavathi, Deputy District Health and Educational Officer, DHO Office, Mysuru, who was the resource person, gave a talk on 'Health is wealth.' She also spoke on the importance of women in the betterment of a family.

Chief guest Rtn. Ramesh, President, Rotary Ivory City and Ani Muthyan, Sub-Manager, Canara Bank, Madras, were present. Palraj of RUDSET Institute proposed a vote of thanks.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Deep learning and computer vision are rapidly advancing fields that hold the potential to revolutionise healthcare diagnosis. By using powerful algorithms and large amounts of data, these technologies can analyse medical images and make accurate predictions about a patient's condition. Deep learning is a machine learning sub-field that uses multi-layered neural networks to analyse data. Computer vision, a field of artificial intelligence, interprets visual data like images and videos. Combined, they enable the analysis of medical images such as X-rays, CT scans, MRI scans and pathology images.

Deep learning has significantly impacted healthcare, assisting doctors in better diagnosis and patient care. It has also enabled faster results, reducing wait times from days or weeks to mere hours. Patients benefit from quicker diagnosis, better care, more affordable healthcare, and easier access through cloud-based solutions.

Despite its promise, the technology faces challenges like the lack of large amounts of labelled data required for accurate predictions. Interpretability of the model is another challenge, as it is crucial for medical diagnosis. Deep learning models can be affected by bias, leading to inaccurate predictions in certain populations. Deep learning with computer vision is a powerful tool with the potential to revolutionise healthcare diagnosis. Further research and development are needed to overcome these obstacles and ensure the responsible and effective deployment of this technology in healthcare. — *Sumedh Datar in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

'P7' license plate sells for 15 million dollars in UAE

Dubai: A charity auction in the United Arab Emirates saw a world record broken when a vehicle license plate being the letter and number combination "P7" sold for nearly $15 million.

The Most Noble Numbers auction in Dubai, which offered rare and highly sought-after license plates and phone numbers, supported the 1 Billion Meal Endowment Campaign.

The biggest sale of the day came when the "P7" license plate sold for 14,975,356 dollars. The sum beat the Guinness World Record for the most expensive car license plate, which was set at 14,200,000 dollars for license plate "1" at an Abu Dhabi auction in 2008. The winning bid at Saturday's auction was placed by Pavel Valeryevich Durov, the French-Emirati businessman who founded the Telegram app.

Man buys 20 lottery tickets, wins 20 times

Virginia: A Virginia man bought 20 tickets for a single Pick 4 lottery drawing and won 20 times, for a total prize of 100,000 dollars.

The Virginia Lottery said Fekru Hirpo of Alexandria bought 20 tickets for the March 8 Pick 4 drawing with the number combination 2-5-2-7 when he visited the Four Mile Run Shell station on South Four Mile Run Drive in Arlington.

Each of Hirpo's tickets won a 5,000 dollars top prize in the drawing, for a total prize of 1,00,000 dollars. Hirpo said he doesn't usually buy large amounts of identical tickets for Pick 4, but he had a strong feeling about the March 8 drawing.

The winner said he doesn't yet know what he will do with his winnings.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Common symptoms of blood cancers are severe tiredness, unexplained fever, loss of appetite and loss of weight, bleeding, back pain and bone pains.

By Dr. Giripunja - Consultant - Haematology, Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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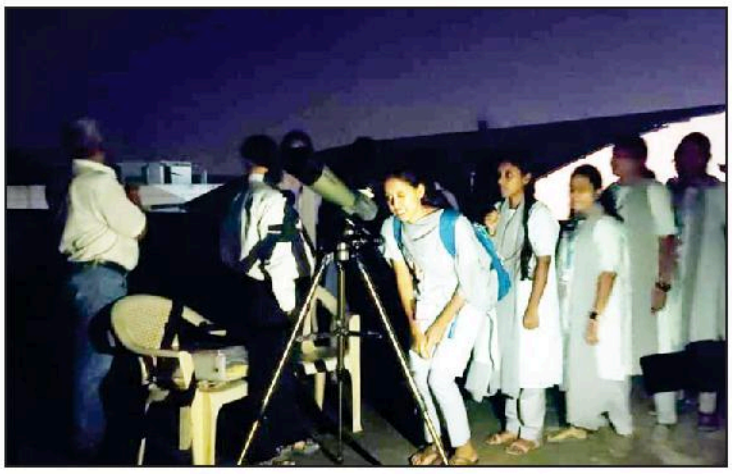
** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

GSSSIETW Science Club conducts Sky Watch



Mysuru, Apr. 12- The Science Club of GSSS Institute of Engineering and Technology for Women (GSSSIETW), Mysuru had organised star gazing (Sky Watch) in association with Gravity Science Foundation, Chamarajanagar recently.

Dr. S.N. Prasad, Amateur Astronomer and former Principal of Regional Institute of Education (RIE), Mysuru, who was the guest speaker, gave a presentation on the latest developments in space research followed by explanation of the notable natural phenomena like meteor showers, comets, nova, nebulae, different stars, star clusters, galaxies, sun spots, constellations and other meteorological phenomena with slide show.

The event being the first-of-its-kind in the campus kindled enthusiasm among the members of the Science Club. It helped them gain knowledge about the basics of night sky viewing, enjoy the cosmos and feel its vastness. Planets like Venus, Jupiter and Mars, craters on the moon and galaxies Sirius and Canopus were viewed during the event. Students were engaged in constellation identification of Orion, Taurus and the Cassiopeia.

Founder of Gravity Science Foundation A.S. Abhishek and faculty coordinators of the Science Club guided the students during the star gazing.

Dr. M. Shivakumar, Principal, GSSSIETW, presided. The faculty members, office-bearers and 300 student members of the Club actively participated in the event, according to a press release from Dr. S.N. Sheshadri, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, GSSSIETW.

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VOICE OF THE READER

Late running of trains

Sir,

A few days ago, I along with family members made a trip to Tirupati and back. My onward journey was in Chamarajanagar-Tirupati Express (16219) with scheduled time of departure from Mysuru at 16.55 hrs (4.55 pm) and arrival time at Tirupati being 04.00 hrs (4 am).

We reached Railway Station early but we were unwantingly given bonus waiting time of another hour as the train was not allowed to platform 1 till 17.15 hrs (5.15 pm) and wasn't allowed to depart till 17.50 hrs (5.50 pm). There was no announcement or any railway official to answer our query for the delay in departure.

I was able to gather information that the earlier train going to Mayiladuthurai via Bengaluru had got delayed by one hour and railways thought it fit to keep a very safe distance between these trains running towards Bengaluru by full one hour !

When a train starts late it gets the special treatment of getting halted at many a important station to make way for other super fast express.

The return journey train (16220) starting from Tirupati was no better, though started 10-15 minutes late, accumulated the delay and it ran almost one hour late to every other station and reached Mysuru by 08.00 hrs (8 am) instead of 07.00 hrs (7 am).

It's high time Indian Railways think of keeping up the time and also pay attention to maintenance of trains for the convenience of the travellers.

—B.G. Balaji
Kanakadasanagar 16.3.2023

Foul smell greets tourists

Mysuru, Apr. 12 (MTY&BS)- Tourists and visitors are greeted by tepid smell in the heart of the city, with sewage water overflowing from underground drainage (UGD) pipe, on a part of Albert Victor road near the rear gate of KSRTC City Bus Stand.

The sewage water has been accumulating on the roadside daily, severely inconveniencing the road users, as Albert Victor Road connects K.R. Circle and Hardinge Circle, passing through Chamaraja Wadiyar Circle that forms a part of Raja Marga.

Soon after dusk, the drain water starts overflowing near the bus bay at the rear gate of City Bus Stand, from where the buses coming from Jayachamarajendra Wadiyar Circle (formerly Hardinge Circle) side enter the stand, inconveniencing both pedestrians and vehicle riders. Apart from bearing the foul smell, the passersby have to avoid getting stained, with the chances of vehicles running over the drain water, splashing on the bystanders, being more.

With HOPCOMS sales outlet abutting the bus stand, the customers are also forced to find an alternative to access the shop.

The tourists who visit Mysore Palace to behold the visual beauty of illuminated royal abode, prefer to explore the scenic beauty of the city, on tonga or chariots and also on foot. They too feel it awkward to find the stretch of road in a messy condition. It is said that, the cement blocks at the rear gate of City Bus Stand are laid over UGD pipes, choking the flow of sewage water.

M.C. Karthik, a resident of Siddartha Nagar, attributed the messy condition to lack of coordination between KSRTC authorities and MCC officials.

The authorities concerned should address the issue soon, he demanded.

Student start-ups shine at TiE University Pitchfest 2023

Effinity, BlisCare, Ultra Electric, Eco-widens, Glamour Garden and ApnaEV win laurels

Mysuru, Apr. 12 (BCT)- From upgrading the financial tracking of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to focusing on visually challenged personalities, and charging electric vehicles to glamourise fashion with bio-ons for plastics, the finalists of TiE University Pitchfest 2023 stood apart in their innovations.

The programme was hosted by TiE Mysuru Chapter and notably, it was the only chapter in Karnataka that hosted TiE University Programme five years year in a row. There were nearly 90 teams from across Karnataka and 20 teams were selected for mentoring — 9 teams made it to the finals on Mar. 31, 2023.

A series of free workshops and mentoring sessions were organised by TiE for the teams.

All teams were mentored and guided by TiE Mysuru Chapter Members and partners. The top 9 teams were categorised under the idea stage, minimum viable product stage and traction stage and the results were declared with cash prizes.

Traction stage: Winners – Effinity - Rs. 75,000; Runners - BlisCare - Rs. 50,000.

MVP stage: Winners – Ultra Electric - Rs. 40,000; Runners – EcoWidens - Rs. 30,000.

Idea stage: Winners – Glamour Garden - Rs. 20,000; Runners – ApnaEV - Rs. 10,000.

About the winners

Effinity: Founded by Shobith Mallya from Sahyadri College of Engineering and Management, Mangaluru, Effinity provides the digital nucleus for SMEs to track production, regular reports and calculations and facilitate remote functionality to manage a warehouse, production process etc., with the frame of Scale as a Service (SaaS). Effinity works as e.grow for micro-enterprises and e.scale for small and medium enterprises.

BlisCare: Founded by Chinmaya Naik from the Institute of Health Management Research (IIHMR, Bengaluru), it is an assistive tech and health support start-up that aims to provide affordable digital solutions for visually impaired students with a digital braille display system which can replicate in real-time into digital braille that will replicate any text and graphical diagram at affordable cost.

Ultra Electric: Provides innovative electric vehicle charging system implementable in public transport, commercial and private vehicles, railway stations parking, bus stand, schools and colleges parking area. It is founded by Shriram Kulkarni of BLDEACET, Vijayapura district.

Eco-widens: This is a group of doctors focusing on building an alternative material for food packaging rather than plastic called bio-ons through their start-up. It emerged as visionary team focusing on eliminating plastic all the way. Eco-Widen is founded by Rituparna Kundu, Urvi Patel, R.C. Manish, A.J. Keerthik and Midhuna Iype from JSS Medical College, Mysuru.

Glamour Garden: It is an online store that offers a wide range of high-quality unbranded clothing items that have been thoroughly evaluated and endorsed by fashion experts. Additionally, they have developed a cutting-edge fashion recommendation algorithm that provides customised fashion solutions to customers based on their individual preferences and body sizes through their mobile application. Glamour Garden is founded by C.T. Abhishek and S. Nidhishree from MYRA School of Business, Mysuru.

ApnaEV: With the motive of monetising your "EV residential charging unit" and earning while you sleep, ApnaEV is a platform that maps the nearest charging residential availability and comforts charging of electric vehicles generating revenue to the already EV owners and increase installation of EV charging points. It is founded by Vedansh Singh Manral and P.S. Nagaprathi from Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering, Mysuru.

The panel of judges included Sukumar Rangachari, Business Mentor NSRCEL IIMB, B.K. Achutha, Chairman of Infopine Consultancy Services, Mysuru and Srinivas Varadarajan, Co-founder and CEO of Vigyanlabs Innovations, Mysuru.

President of TiE Mysuru Sudhanva Dhananjaya spoke about the support TiE Mysuru provides to entrepreneurs and start-ups by declaring free student membership for all the members of nine finalist teams for 2023-24.

TiE University programme Chair Shivshankar, TiE Mysuru Chapter Executive Director Mahesh Kattale and TiE Mysuru Chapter Associate Member G.S. Kishan coordinated the programme while all the Charter members and Associate members of TiE Mysuru Chapter contributed for the success of the event.

Team Effinity will represent TiE Mysuru at TiE Global Pitchfest to be held on May 14 and 15, 2023 in Silicon Valley, USA. For details, contact Mahesh Kattale on Mob: 94481-54063.

*FROM LEFT: **Shobith Mallya of Team Effinity, which won TiE Mysuru University Pitchfest 2023 in Traction Stage, receiving the cheque from Sudhanva Dhananjaya, President, TiE Mysuru Chapter; Sukumar Rangachari, Mentor at NSRCEL, IIM Bengaluru; Srinivas Varadarajan, Founder and CEO, Vigyanlabs Innovations Pvt. Ltd. and Achutha Bachalli, Chairman, Board Infopine Consistency Services Pvt. Ltd.***

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NEWS BRIEFS

Dr. Leela Prakash's books release

Veteran Littérateur Dr. C.P. Krishnakumar (CPK) will release writer Dr. **Leela Prakash**'s three works — *Samskruta Bhashe Ondu Pakshinota* (A translation), *Lekhanaabhinandana* and *Munnudi-Honnudi* — at a programme jointly organised by Vidyuth Prakashana and Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota, Mysuru, at the Institution of Engineers-India (IEI) on JLB Road at 4.30 pm on Apr. 15. District Kannada Sahitya Parishat Mysuru President Maddikere Gopal will preside. Kannada Kalakoota President M. Chandrashekar will deliver the keynote address. Writers Dr. H.V. Nagarajrao, Dr. Neelagiri M. Talwar and Dr. H.M. Parshwanath will speak about the books. For details, contact Mob: 98860-56177 or 94485-53797.

Discourse on 'Pathanjaliya Yoga'

Krishna Rao Prakash will deliver a discourse on 'Pathanjaliya Yoga Sootragalu - Samadhi Paada' at Yajnashale, Datta Sannidhi, Chinmaya Mission, Gokulam, tomorrow (Apr. 13) at 6 pm.

Summer camp at Ganabharathi

Ganabharathi, Mysuru, will be conducting a summer camp from Apr. 17 to 29 between 10 am to 4.30 pm for children in the age group of 6-15 years at Veene Seshanna Bhavan in Kuvempunagar. Bhavageete, Devotional Songs, Ranga Geete, Folk Songs and Dance, Vachana, Devaranama, Yogasana, Origami and Painting will be taught during the course of the camp. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2560313 or Mob: 90082-52424 or 70198-79167.

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Jayanthi

The 132nd Jayanthi of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar will be celebrated at a programme organised at Town Hall in Mysuru on Apr. 14 at 9.30 am by the District Administration. Floral tributes will be offered to the statute of Dr. Ambedkar in the Town Hall premises, according to a press release from Mysuru Deputy Commissioner (DC) and National Festival Celebration Committee President Dr. K.V. Rajendra.

All-India Inter-University Women's Cricket

Punjab's Lovely Professional University bags Championship

Mysuru, Apr. 12 (MK&SSM)- Punjab's Lovely Professional University emerged Champions in the All India Inter-University Cricket Tournament for Women 2022-23 organised by JSS Science and Technology University (JSS STU) and the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) at JSS KSCA Cricket Grounds in city, by defeating Maharshi Dayanand (MD) University, Rohtak, Haryana, by four wickets in the finals held yesterday.

MD University was put to bat after Lovely Professional University won the toss. MD University scored 126 runs in 25 overs losing all the 10 wickets while the Lovely Professional University reached the target of 127 runs in 24.1 overs with a loss of 6 wickets.

Nagma and Deepa Kumari of Lovely Professional University scored 65 runs and 25 runs respectively while Bhavana and Tanu of MD University scored 55 runs and 18 runs respectively, thus becoming the highest scorers in the finals.

Sonal and Shivani Jangidh of Lovely Professional University took three wickets (17 runs) and two wickets (24 runs) respectively and Suman Guliya of MD University managed to take only one wicket (24 runs).

Third Place to Guru Nanak Dev University

Guru Nanak Dev University Amritsar, Punjab, which played against Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune, for third place won by three wickets. Savitribai Phule Pune University, which won the toss, chose to bat scored 159 runs in 25 overs losing three wickets.

Eshwari Savarkar and Priyanka were the highest scorers with 54 runs and 57 runs respectively and Priyank Mutreya took 1 wicket (31 runs) for Ghodake Ajeya of Savitribai Phule Pune University.

Guru Nanak Dev University scored 161 runs in 24 overs for 7 wickets, thus securing the third place.

Prize distribution

Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) Mysuru Zone Head S. Balachandar distributed prizes for the winning teams at a stage programme which was held later at JSS STU Seminar Hall.

Speaking on the occasion, Balachandar said that it has been 50 years since women cricket has begun in the country and over the time, necessary support and opportunities have been provided. "Using these opportunities, women must get recognition at the national and international level and reach heights without losing hope," he added.

KSCA Mysuru Zone Convenor Harikrishna Kumar, JSS STU Vice-Chancellor Dr. A.N. Santhosh Kumar, Registrar Dr. S.A. Dhanraj, Physical Education Department Head Dr. C. Revanna and others were present.

Over 500 enthusiasts take part in Apollo Climbathon at Ch.Hill

Mysuru, Apr. 12- To celebrate World Health Day and promote a healthy lifestyle, Apollo BGS Hospitals, Mysuru, had organised Apollo Climbathon Challenge "Step by Step 1001 Steps" yesterday from the foot of Chamundi Hill.

Over 500 people of all age groups took part in the event flagged off by Dr. H.V. Satish, Senior Plastic Surgeon, Apollo BGS Hospitals, Mysuru and N.G. Bharateesha Reddy, Vice-President and Unit Head, Apollo BGS Hospitals, Mysuru.

The participants included working professionals, homemakers, students, advocates, and retired citizens from corporates, banks, educational institutions, pharma companies, engineering colleges, hospitals, nursing colleges, Police Department, NGOs, yoga schools, media and so on.

The team of physiotherapists from Apollo BGS Hospitals assisted the first-time climbers while the regular climbers enjoyed savouring energy drinks throughout their climb.

Dr. Satish called upon the participants to prioritise their physical and mental health.

Participants also enjoyed an entertaining Zumba session with a health quiz.

Prize winners

The prize winners of the Climbathon are as follows:

5-10 years: B.P. Vriddhi Ponnavva - first, Maanika Aadya - second, Bhuvi Ramesh- third.

10-18 years: R. Anirudh - first, Vishal Uthappa - second, Hansika Rakesh - third.

18 years and above (Men): Vinay - first, M. Akash - second, Ganesh - third.

18 years and above (Women): Kusuma - first, Reshma - second, Archana Ganeshaiah - third.

60 years and above: R. Venkatesh - first, Govinda Raj Singh - second, Nagaraj - third.

52 new faces, 8 women in BJP's first list of 189

New Delhi, Apr. 12 (Agencies)- The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) last night announced its first list of 189 candidates for the Karnataka Assembly elections that is scheduled to be held on May 10.

Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, along with BJP General Secretary in-charge of Karnataka Arun Singh, announced that the party is fielding 52 new faces and eight women candidates in its first list. Though 52 new faces on the lines of the Gujarat experiment is a highlight, the number of replaced incumbent MLAs does not match the Gujarat figures.

While BJP has fielded Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai from Shiggaon seat, former CM B.S. Yediyurappa's son B.Y. Vijayendra will contest from his father's Shikaripura Constituency.

BJP National General Secretary C.T. Ravi will contest from Chikkamagalur and Minister R. Ashoka will contest against State Congress chief D.K. Shivakumar in Kanakapura and also from Padmanabhanagar, Bengaluru. Housing Minister V. Somanna will contest against former CM Siddharamaiah in Varuna Constituency and also from Chamarajanagar.

The BJP is looking at a tough contest in the upcoming polls. Karnataka, the only State in South India where the BJP has a Government, has never voted an incumbent back to power in 40 years. Karnataka has a total of 224 Assembly seats and a party needs 113 in order to form the Government.

Congress turncoats chosen

Several MLAs have been dropped and Congress turncoats chosen in the first list. A second list will come soon, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said. Somanna has always contested from Govindarajanagar Constituency in Bengaluru. For the first time, he is contesting in two seats — both Congress strongholds.

Minister B. Sriramulu will contest from Bellary Rural. In Udupi, a key coastal town, Yashpal Suvarna will contest for the first time in place of the current MLA Raghupathi Bhat. Suvarna had aggressively campaigned for 'hijab' ban. He is seen as a rising star among his local supporters. His claim to fame also includes activism in cow protection.

Other key BJP leaders Ramesh Jarkiholi and Govind M. Karjol will contest from Gokak and Mudhol, respectively. Congress rebel Anand Singh, who joined the BJP in 2019, had contested from Hospet. His son, Siddharth Singh, will contest from this seat. Anand Singh was a key engineer of the strategy that toppled the Congress and Janata Dal (Secular) coalition in 2019, paving the way for the BJP to come to power.

9 doctors, 5 lawyers, 2 retired babus

BJP General Secretary Arun Singh said there are 52 new candidates this time, 32 candidates are from OBCs, 30 SC and 16 ST. 8 candidates are women. There are 9 doctors and 5 advocates, 1 retired IAS and 1 IPS officer, 3 retired government employees, 31 post-graduates, 3 academicians and 8 social activists.

In Athani, the BJP has chosen a candidate, Mahesh Kumathahalli, against the request of party leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Laxman Savadi. Savadi tried to convince the BJP that his chances of winning were higher and the BJP would lose the seat if the ticket was given to Kumathahalli.

BJP MLA and former CM Jagadish Shettar, who was upset after being asked to make way for others, has threatened he will contest one way or the other and not ruled out fighting as an independent. The BJP is yet to announce the candidate on his seat, Hubballi-Dharwad Central.

Another senior leader, K.S. Eshwarappa, who used to contest from Shivamogga, has however announced his retirement from electoral politics and agreed to the party's request to give room for others. The BJP hasn't announced a name yet for Shivamogga. Basanagouda Patil, Yatnal considered a critic of Yediyurappa, will seek re-election from the Vijayapura seat

Krishnaraja suspense continues

The BJP MLAs who have been dropped from the list include Raghupathy Bhat from Udupi, Anil Benake from Belagavi North, S. Angara from Sullia, rebel MLA Anand Singh from Hospet and Halady Srinivas Shetty from Kundapura.

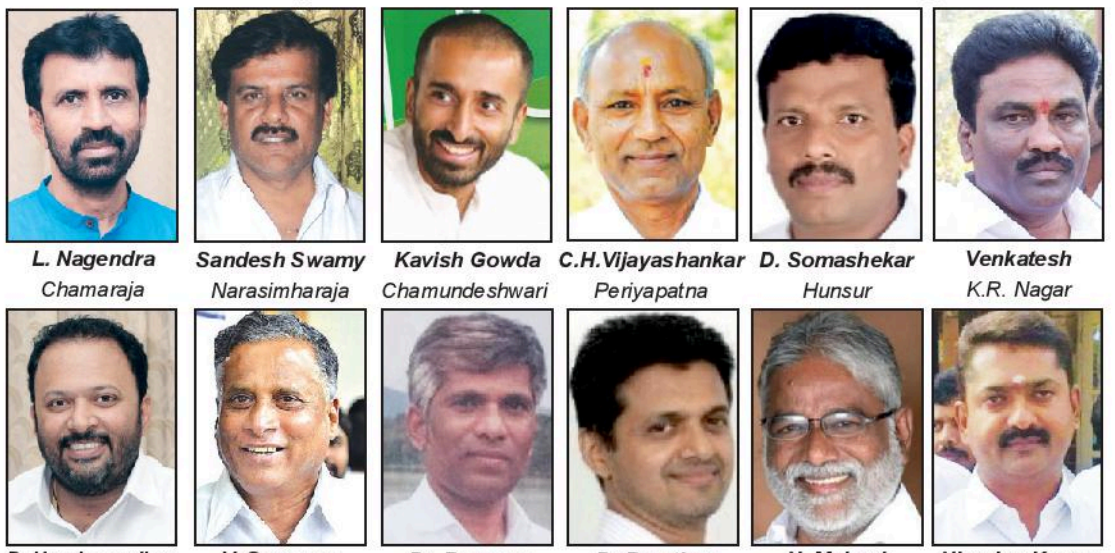
The party is yet to announce the candidate for Krishnaraja seat from where S.A. Ramdas was elected to the Assembly in the previous polls. BJP MLA Goolihatti Shekar has been dropped from Hosadurga. In October last year when a debate was raging over the anti-conversion bill in Karnataka, Shekar had alleged his mother had been forcefully converted to Christianity.

Veterans making way

Referring to senior party leader Eshwarappa's decision to not contest the elections, Bommai said it reflects the BJP's culture of veterans making way for the younger lot and took a swipe at the Congress for giving its ticket to the 91-year-old Shamanur Shivashankarappa.

"Our leadership and values are different. To create a new system, we are taking tough decisions," he said.

BJP faces in Mysuru, Chamarajanagar, Mandya, Hassan and Kodagu



L. Nagendra *Chamaraja*; **Sandesh Swamy** *Narasimharaja*; **Kavish Gowda** *Chamundeshwari*; **C.H.Vijayashankar** *Periyapatna*; **D. Somashekar** *Hunsur*; **Venkatesh** *K.R. Nagar*

B. Harshavardhan *Nanjangud*; **V. Somanna** *Varuna & Ch Nagar*; **Dr. Revanna** *T. Narasipur*; **Dr Preethan** *Hanur*; **N. Mahesh** *Kollegal*; **Niranjan Kumar** *Gundlupet*

S.P. Swamy *Maddur*; **Dr. Indresh** *Melukote*; **Ashok Jayaram** *Mandya*; **Sachchidananda** *Srirangapatna*; **Sudha** *Nagamangala*; **Dr. Narayanagowda** *K.R. Pet*

Muniraju *Malavalli*; **H.K. Suresh** *Belur*; **J. Preetham Gowda** *Hassan*; **Devarajegowda** *Holenarasipur*; **Yoga Ramesh** *Arkalagud*; **Cement Manju** *Sakleshpur*

What they said about their winning prospects?

Appachu Ranjan *Madikeri*; **K.G. Bopaiah** *Virajpet*

I am indebted to my voters, associates and moreover the Sangh and the party for reposing faith in me. They have considered my work in Chamaraja and many welfare and infrastructure works that have been executed. Even the people of my Constituency have recognised the development work and the general mood is upbeat. This time too, BJP will bloom in Chamaraja and my aim is to develop the Constituency as a model one. **—L. Nagendra, BJP candidate, Chamaraja**

The BJP has given me the ticket from Narasimharaja for the second time and I would thank the party State and National leaders for that. In 2018, I got 44,141 votes and secured second place. I have faith in the voters and they will give me a chance to serve them this time around. I have the support of Narasimharaja people, party workers and leaders and I will strive for the overall development of the Constituency. **—Sandesh Swamy, BJP candidate, Narasimharaja**

Party President Nalin Kumar Kateel, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and senior leader B.S. Yediyurappa has reposed faith in my candidature from Nanjangud. In the last term, I had brought Rs. 823 crore for the overall development of Nanjangud and the party high command has recognised the development works initiated. I have confidence that the voters will re-elect me and my aim is to get a grant of Rs. 1,000 crore. **—B. Harshavardhan, BJP candidate, Nanjangud**

I hereby thank the party for considering me to contest from Chamundeshwari and I will not let them down. I am committed to the growth of my Constituency. My candidature has proved that only BJP can give a chance to the youth and as it is a cadre-based party, there is good scope for talent. The party ticket was not discussed when I joined BJP but I was given the task of mobilising support and creating a strong support base. And I have performed accordingly. The people of Chamundeshwari have faith in the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the BJP. I will work along with the leaders and workers. **—Kavish Gowda, BJP candidate, Chamundeshwari**

It's official: Somanna to fight Siddharamaiah in Varuna

SOM's report on Apr. 4 predicting high-voltage contest at Varuna Constituency comes true

Bengaluru, Apr.12 (BS)- BJP High Command has entrusted a big task to two of its prominent leaders in Karnataka, with the chances of the duo reaping rich dividends if they succeed not being ruled out.

Revenue Minister R. Ashoka, who currently represents Padmanabhanagar, Bengaluru, will be fighting Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) President D.K. Shivakumar at the latter's fiefdom Kanakapura Constituency, also a Vokkaliga stronghold. The BJP higher-ups are looking to cash in on the Vokkaliga votes in good numbers on Hindutva plank and pull victory in favour of Ashoka, also of the same community.

Housing Minister V. Somanna, who was so far restricted to Govindarajanagar Constituency in Bengaluru, has been shifted to Chamarajanagar this time. Besides, Somanna has been also named as the party candidate against former CM and Congress leader Siddharamaiah at the latter's stronghold Varuna in Mysuru district.

With Varuna having a population of around 70,000 Lingayats and Somanna being a Lingayat himself, the BJP is eyeing to win the votes of the influential community, which forms a major support base for the party.

Siddharamaiah

V. Somanna

SOM's credible report

It may be recalled here that on Apr. 4 — seven days before the BJP announced the official candidate list — *Star of Mysore (SOM)* had published a report *'Siddu Vs Somanna in Varuna?'* as there were reports about Somanna searching for a suitable house in the limits of the Varuna Constituency for camping and campaigning.

However, reacting to the report then, Somanna had denied any such possibilities of contesting from Varuna. Even political pundits had voiced the denial. Now with the party making his candidature official, the *SOM* prediction has come true.

The decision of the BJP to field Somanna comes after the tall Lingayat leader B.S. Yediyurappa refused to field his son B.Y. Vijayendra from Varuna. Siddharamaiah won the seat twice before relinquishing it to his son Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah in 2018.

Reacting to the development, Somanna who welcomed the decision of the party to field him from two seats (another from Chamarajanagar), attributed it to the blessings of Goddess Chamundeshwari and Lord Mahadeshwara of MM Hills. With both the leaders — Somanna and Ashoka — contesting from two seats, BJP top brass has taken a step to test their mettle. This has indeed caught even those in State BJP by surprise.

No regrets: Somanna

"I don't have any regrets over missing a ticket to contest from Govindarajanagar Constituency, as I abide by the decision of the High Command. I have the blessings of people and workers and have sufficiently worked for the good of the Constituency for 50 years. BJP leaders haven't ignored me, as they like my simplicity. I have worked for the people and will continue it," said Somanna.

Supporters shed tears

Soon after the BJP list was released, a large number of supporters of Somanna in Govindarajanagar gathered outside his residence (in Bengaluru) and demanded their leader not to leave the seat. They also shed tears with a fervent appeal, while Somanna made efforts to convince them.

Simha's twitter greeting

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha has greeted Somanna in a unique way by putting the photo of Somanna in the profile picture of his (Simha's) twitter handle.

Former Minister C. P. Yogeshwar has been given a ticket again to contest from his bastion Channapatna, currently being represented by former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy of JD(S).

Ticket denial by BJP

Minister Angara to quit active politics, Savadi to leave party

Bengaluru, Apr.12 (BS)- A day after the first list of 189 BJP candidates was announced, the hurt prominent leaders have decided to quit the party and also take political retirement, upon being denied ticket to contest the coming Assembly elections scheduled on May 10.

S. Angara

Laxman Savadi

Fisheries Minister S. Angara, who is representing Sullia (SC reserve) Constituency in Dakshina Kannada for sixth consecutive term and Laxman Savadi, the sitting MLC and former Deputy Chief Minister, are those two senior leaders.

Angara said he has decided to quit active politics, as he was not just upset over not considering him for the ticket again, but for the way he is treated, despite being a loyal worker of the party, without any black mark.

Laxman Savadi, who was visibly upset over being denied ticket (as the sitting MLA Mahesh Kumatahalli, who switched over to BJP from Congress, bringing down JD(S)-Congress coalition Government in 2020 and also won subsequent by-election from Athani seat, has succeeded in bagging the ticket again), asked media, "Is there any meaning in staying in the party, when I am denied ticket."

Savadi, though being wooed by Congress party, said he will decide his next course of action after holding a meeting of his supporters at Murughendra Shivayogi Mutt in Athani on Apr. 13.

Savadi, who was elected from Athani for three repeat terms in 2004, 2008 and 2013 on BJP ticket, had however lost to Congress' Mahesh Kumatahalli (now in BJP) in 2018 elections.

Filing of nomination

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Nomination papers can be filed from 13.4.2023 till 20.4.2023 from 11 am to 3 pm on all days except holidays. Each candidate can submit the papers in the prescribed format as stipulated by the Election Commission of India and each candidate can submit four sets of nominations in each Assembly segment. A deposit of Rs. 10,000 (Rs. 5,000 for SC/ST candidates) has to be paid.

While filing the nominations, only five persons including the candidate will be allowed inside the chamber of the Returning Officer and each candidate can spend Rs. 40 lakh for the polls.

All critical events will be videographed. The events for videography will include filing of nomination papers, allotment of symbols, preparations and storage of Electronic Voting Machines and vote verification machines, the DC added.

Voter data in Mysuru District

As on 12.4.2023, there are 26,38,487 voters in all the 11 Constituencies that come under Mysuru District. Of them, 13,08,77 are males, 13,29,49 are females and 223 others. There are 2,905 polling booths.

There has been an increase in voter enrolment from 29.3.2023 to 12.4.2023, the DC said adding that 15,936 new voters — 7,749 males, 8,177 females and 10 others — have been included.

In all, there are 17,672 physically challenged male voters, 11,893 physically challenged female voters and 23 physically challenged sexual minorities, taking the total to 29,588 voters. 2,166 physically challenged voters have been added during the continuous updation, taking the total to 31,754, the DC said.

Mysuru beauticians undergo free training

A day-long free training programme for the members of Mysore Beautician Welfare Association was inaugurated this morning at Kings Court Hotel on JLB Road. Supreeth B. Belgaum *(sitting extreme right),* ***Founder, Bangalore Sophistique Academy, gave tips on 'BB Glow, Hair Extensions, Microblading and Permanent Makeup' for the participants. Association President K. Vedavathi N. Rai, Anutham Founders Dr. Neelima Sharma and Dr. Namratha and others were present.***

EC reviews poll readiness

Bengaluru, Apr. 12 (TRR)- Following the announcement of Assembly poll schedule, Deputy Chief Election Commissioner of India Ajay Bhadoo reviewed the preparations that are being undertaken by the State Election Commission (SEC) with the senior officials at the SEC office here yesterday.

At the meeting, Ajay Bhadoo reviewed the pre-election preparations, discussed about programmes to create awareness about voting among the people, sought information about officials on election duty, about Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) activities and other election-related campaign programmes and their implementation.

He also enquired about printing of Election Photo Identity Card (EPIC) and distribution, polling booths, training for election staff about voting machines, nomination process, code of conduct, arrangements to be made on the day of voting day and law & order.

'Training helps in handling poll duty'

Mysuru Zilla Panchayat (ZP) CEO K.M. Gayathri, who is also the SVEEP Nodal Officer, addressing the training programme related to poll duty at Taluk Panchayat (TP) auditorium in Periyapatna yesterday as others look on. Picture right shows the poll officers attending the training.

Mysuru, Apr. 12 (BS)- Mysuru Zilla Panchayat (ZP) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) K.M. Gayathri, who is also the Nodal Officer for Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP), said that the election can be successfully conducted only when the officials deputed on election duty are aware of the rules and handle responsibilities as a team and the training programmes come handy in this regard.

Addressing the training programme for Static Surveillance Team (SST), Flying Squad Team (FST) and Sector Officers, organised at Taluk Panchayat (TP) auditorium in Periyapatna yesterday, Gayathri said: "Any individual is permitted to carry only up to Rs. 50,000 during elections. If the cash exceeds Rs. 50,000 and below Rs. 10 lakh, the seized amount should be handed over to District Cash Release Committee. In the case of cash seized above Rs.10 lakh with substantiating documents, it should be brought to the notice of Income Tax Department."

The Polling Centre should have the bay for senior citizens, waiting room and separate toilets for men and women, Gayathri told the Officers.

Apart from arranging pure drinking water to the voters at Polling Centres, a conducive atmosphere should be created for them to exercise their franchise, suggested Gayathri.

A. Devaraju, Commissioner of Department of Archaeology, Heritage and Museums and also the Nodal Officer for Model Code of Conduct, said: "It will be helpful to discharge duties, if the teachers deputed as Booth Level Officers (BLO) gather information of Anganwadi workers and form a voter awareness team."

The candidates can spend up to Rs. 40 lakh in the elections and the Officers concerned should keep a tab on their expenditures. Only the vehicles with permission must be allowed to be used and in case of violation, case should be filed and vehicle should be seized, Devaraju said.

Inspector Sridhar of Periyapatna Police Station provided the information related to procedures to be followed while conducting panchanama (collection of witness) during the seizure of cash and other articles at the check-posts and filing of First Information Report (FIR).

Periyapatna Tahsildar Ahmed, Executive Officer C.R. Krishna Kumar, ZP Assistant Planning Officer A.N. Subramanya Sharma and other Officers attended the training.

Handle task strictly: DC Dr. Rajendra

Dr. Rajendra

Mysuru, Apr. 12 (BS)- Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. K.V. Rajendra, who is also the District Electoral Officer (DEO), has directed the Officers to handle the assigned task in their respective limits without any complaints, while the Sector Officers must focus more on voter information at the Polling Booths under their purview.

Presiding over a meeting of Flying Squad Team (FST), Static Surveillance Team (SST), Video Viewing Team (VVT), Flying Surveillance Team (FST), AT and Sector Officers of Chamundeshwari Assembly Constituency, at Taluk Panchayat Auditorium, Dr. Rajendra said: "The officers should confirm about the basic infrastructural facilities at Polling Booths and create basic infrastructural facilities for those at the check-posts."

The FST, SST and VVT teams should handle the assigned tasks without any fault and action will be taken against those who fail to discharge duties, the DC added.

Chamundeshwari Constituency Returning Officer Kamalabai and Assistant Returning Officer B.N. Girish were present.

'Every booth must be voter-friendly'

DC Dr. K.V. Rajendra has said that the Officers must ensure that every Polling Booth is voter-friendly. The DC, who spoke to the Officers after video conference yesterday, said: "Every Polling Booth in the district should have basic amenities so that they are voter friendly. Drinking water, shade and separate toilets for men and women should be arranged at the Polling Stations. Utilising local resources, the Polling Stations must be made attractive to attract the voters."

Continuous inspections must be carried out at the check-posts in district and taluk borders. As everybody will be observing the style of working of the personnel deputed at the check-posts, they should ensure error-free inspection, the DC said.

The emphasis should be on achieving maximum voting and the voters aged above 80-years and the specially-abled should not be deprived of voting, suggested Dr. Rajendra.

Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Kavitha Rajaram, MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy, ZP CEO K. M. Gayathri, SP Seema Latkar and Taluk Returning Officer were present.

Former Mahindra Group Chairman Keshub Mahindra dies at 99

Keshub Mahindra

Mumbai, Apr. 12 (Agencies)- Keshub Mahindra, Chairman Emeritus of Mahindra & Mahindra (M&M), passed away at the age of 99 this morning in Mumbai.

His death was confirmed by Pawan Goenka, the former Managing Director of M&M, on his personal Twitter handle. A spokesperson for the company separately confirmed the news. A formal statement will be issued in due course.

Keshub Mahindra joined his father's company, which started by manufacturing and selling utility vehicles, in 1947. He was the Chairman of the conglomerate from 1963 to 2012. On his retirement, he had named his nephew Anand Mahindra as his successor.

Keshub, a graduate of Wharton, University of Pennsylvania, has been credited for transforming the company from an assembler of Willys Jeeps in India to a diversified conglomerate. A well-known philanthropist and businessman, Keshub has served on the boards of several companies, including SAIL, Tata Steel, Tata Chemicals, Indian Hotels and ICICI. He was also Vice-Chairman of the Housing Development Finance Corp.

He was appointed by the Government of India to serve on many Committees including the Sachar Commission on Company Law & MRTP and the Central Advisory Council of Industries.

In 1987, he was awarded the Chevalier de l'Ordre National de la Legion d'honneur by the French Government. From 2004 to 2010, Mahindra was a Member of the Prime Minister's Council on Trade & Industry, New Delhi.

Man missing

J. Ravi

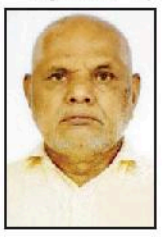
Mysuru, Apr. 12- A 53-year-old man, who left his house on Apr. 2 at about 2 pm, has since gone missing.

The missing man is J. Ravi, residing in Metagalli Police limits.

Those having any information about the missing person, may contact Metagalli Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418315 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

Obituary

Siddaraju



Mysuru, Apr. 12- Siddaraju (72), retired Attender at Brindavan High School in Brindavan Layout and a resident of Hebbal 1st Stage, passed away yesterday in city. He was running a newspaper shop on Hebbal Main Road.

He leaves behind his wife Jayamma, son S. Chandrashekar, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. His younger son S. Nagaraj, a newspaper distributor, had predeceased him five months ago.

Last rites were held this morning in city.

Unidentified youth dies after falling from building

Mysuru, Apr. 12 (RK&KS)- An unidentified youth died after falling from a lodge building, near St. Philomena's Church at Lashkar Mohalla on Apr. 9 evening.

The unidentified youth, who came to the lodge between 3 and 4 pm, asked for room on rent. A staff took him to the second floor of the lodge and showed him the room but the youth walked out without saying anything.

But within five minutes, the staff of the lodge, who saw him falling from the top floor of the lodge building, rushed him to K.R. Hospital, but he had breathed his last by then, according to Lashkar Police.

The deceased is aged between 25 and 30 years, 5.7 ft. tall, well built, round faced and wheatish complexioned.

The body has been shifted to MMC&RI mortuary and the kith and kin of the deceased may contact Lashkar Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418307 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

Realise dream of *Rama Rajya* by helping needy: Pejawar Seer

Sri Vishwaprasanna Theertha Swamiji of Pejawar Mutt delivering discourse in city recently. Picture right shows a section of audience at Sri Krishnadhama in Saraswathipuram.

Mysuru, Apr. 12 (MK&BS)- Udupi Pejawar Mutt Seer Sri Vishwaprasanna Theertha Swamiji has given a call to the people to lend a helping hand to those in crisis to realise the dream of *Rama Rajya,* as devotion to Lord Ram is akin to patriotism and service to the Lord is nothing but serving the country.

Delivering a discourse during the preliminary meeting organised on account of his 36th *Chathurmasya Vratha* at Sri Krishnadhama, Saraswathipuram in city, Vishwaprasanna Swamiji said that "The works on building Sri Ram Mandir at Ayodhya are ongoing, which are expected to be complete by next Makar Sankranti by installing the *prana* (consecration of the idol).

Henceforth, the dream of *Rama Rajya* should be a reality, as leading a happy and peaceful life is the true meaning of *Rama Rajya.* The have should help the have nots to realise the dream of *Rama Rajya.* Everybody should become Rama by imbibing the qualities of the Lord," swamiji said.

In the name of Rama, those having wherewithal should help the downtrodden, as providing roof to the roofless, free education to those deprived of education and health services, ensuring a firm foundation for their life is equal to serving the country. Such thinking should pervade the country, the Seer said.

Explaining the meaning of 'Chaturmasya Vratha,' the Seer said 'It is a practice followed by both *yathis* (seers) and *grihastha* (one who takes responsibility as householder). The theists, along with success in life also pray for the blessings of the God. They use varieties of flowers to worship God. But, what is needed in reality is the feelings, as the God likes the feelings that come within and *ahimsa* (non-violence) is the first among those feelings, followed by *sarav bhuta daya* (compassion towards all beings), which will impress the God.

The service to God should be through service to nation and will look forward for the cooperation of all in this regard. Dr. Nayak of Bengaluru has donated his hospital to Mutt. Likewise, including all, *Chaturmasya Vratha* should be observed through social service, the Seer said.

Office-bearers of various organisations and leaders took over various responsibilities related to *Chaturmasya Vratha* on the occasion.

Reservation hike a mere political gimmick of BJP ahead of polls: MLC

Mysuru, Apr. 12 (MTY&DM)- Alleging that the recent reservation hike for SC and ST communities announced by the BJP was a mere political gimmick of the BJP ahead of the Assembly polls, Congress MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah accused the BJP of misleading backward sections of the society.

He was speaking after inaugurating 'BJP Alisi - Meesalaati Ulisi' (Erase BJP- Save Reservation) campaign launched by Rajya Hindulida Vargagala Jagruta Vedike at a private hotel in city recently.

Expressing concern over the confusions created by the BJP over reservation, Dr. Thimmaiah said that the BJP Government did not take any concrete measures for the upliftment and empowerment of the Backward Classes and Scheduled communities in its four years of power in the State. But now, keeping an eye on the Assembly polls, the BJP is announcing a flurry of reservations, which is nothing but a political stunt ahead.

Terming the BJP's spree on the formation of Development Corporations for each community as just an eyewash, Dr. Thimmaiah called upon the communities to be aware of the BJP's deceitful plans. Accusing BJP of enacting a drama in the name of reservation hike, he maintained that the reservation re-classification announced by the BJP Government recently, will not be implemented at all. The BJP has played with the reservation issue just for securing votes, he said adding that the BJP was always against the backward sections of the society.

Vedike President K.S. Shivaram in his address, asserted that the BJP and the RSS were anti-reservation in nature and as such they were creating confusions and divisions among the backward communities. Charging the BJP of following a 'Divide and Rule' policy for the sake of power, he said that the BJP must be voted out of power in order to save the Constitution.

Savitha Samaja District President N.R. Nagesh and several others too spoke.

The meeting decided to support the Congress in the May 10 Assembly polls and to strengthen the hands of former CM Siddharamaiah, who as a Congress Chief Minister had come up with genuine plans and programmes for the welfare, upliftment and empowerment of backward classes and other marginalised communities. The meeting also sought 15 percent reservation for backward classes in Lok Sabha and Assembly seats, Rs.100 crore grant for every Board and Corporation set up for backward classes welfare and preference to backward class and oppressed sections candidates in the selection of Congress party candidates for the Assembly polls, among others.

Earlier, tributes were paid to Veena Dhruvanarayan, wife of late KPCC Working President and former MP R. Dhruvanarayan, who passed away on Friday morning.

Former Rangayana Director H. Janardhan(Janni), Kumbara Sangha District President H.S. Prakash, Madiwala Sangha District President Ravinandan,Uppara Sangha District President Yogesh Uppar, Vishwakarma Jagruta Vedike District President K. Kendaganna Vishwakarma, Nele-Hinnele Samsthe's Gopalakrishna, leaders Nagabhushan, M.A. Kamala Anantaramu, Chaya, Shobha, Lokesh Madapura, Mahendra Kaginele, Satyanarayan and others were present.

'Reservation hike can be functional only if included in 9th Schedule'

Bengaluru, Apr. 12 - With the State Government announcing reservation hike for SC and ST communities (2 percent hike for SCs and 4 percent hike for STs), Opposition leader and former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah said that the hike can become functional only if it is included in the 9th Schedule of the Constitution.

Siddharamaiah

Speaking to press persons here on Saturday, Siddharamaiah said that the JD(S)-Congress coalition Government had constituted Justice Nagmohan Das Commission to recommend reservation hike in education and jobs to SC/ST communities based on the strength of their population, following which the Commission submitted its report in 2020, when the BJP Government was in power.

Wondering why the BJP Government had been silent on the Nagmohan Das Commission report for three years, Siddharamaiah asserted that it was the Congress which suggested the Government during the all-party meeting called by the Government, to hike reservation for SC Communities by 2 percent (from 15 to 17 percent) and 4 percent for ST Communities (from 3 percent to 7 percent).

Reiterating that the reservation hike cannot come into force unless it is included /Notified in the 9th Schedule of the Constitution, Siddharamaiah observed that the Government should have followed the EWS reservation quota narrative in the enforcement of reservation hike for SC/ST communities.

When asked whether 13 was a lucky number for him, in the backdrop of the Election Commission announcing May 13 as the date of counting of votes, Siddharamaiah said that he took office as the Chief Minister of Karnataka on May 13, 2013 after the counting of votes had taken place on May 5 then. "I does not believe in such things. It is true that I took over as the Chief Minister on May 13, 2013, but then I had not aspired for the date. The Election Commission has scheduled the counting of votes on May 13, 2023. It may be just a matter of coincidence," he maintained.

BJP Media Centre inaugurated in city

Mysuru, Apr. 12 (MTY&TRR)- MLC and State BJP General Secretary N. Ravikumar inaugurated the BJP Media Centre at City BJP Office in Chamarajapuram here on Monday in view of the forthcoming State Assembly elections.

Speaking on the occasion he said that after Bengaluru, Mysuru is the second biggest Media Centre in the State.

"There are crores of people who read newspapers and watch TV in this region. This Media Centre has been set up to spread awareness among the people about the achievements, programmes and the ideologies of the BJP Government. The Media Centre will help in reaching out to the people of the five districts of the old Mysuru region. If we don't give correct information to the people of the State, they cannot take proper decisions," he noted.

Continuing, Ravikumar said that while the Congress party has offered lip service to Scheduled Caste (SC) and other communities and resorted to vote bank politics without increasing reservations for them, the BJP took a historic decision to increase the reservations for these communities.

"By increasing the reservations for the SC and other communities, the BJP has shown its commitment to the people of these communities. Backward communities were demanding increase in reservations since a long time and the Congress was just dragging the issue. But the BJP Government took a strong decision and has given internal reservations to the SCs. Reservation has also been provided to Lingayats and Vokkaligas. Through this, BJP has ensured social justice, voice and employment facilities for all communities," observed the BJP General Secretary.

Mayor Shivakumar, BJP State Vice-President M. Rajendra, City President T.S. Srivatsa, District BJP President Mangala Somashekar and others were present at the programme.

Kashi has more visitors than Taj Mahal: Seer

Mysuru, Apr. 12 (DM)- Maintaining that Kashi has more number of visitors than Taj Mahal in Uttar Pradesh, Udupi Palimaru Mutt Seer Sri Vidyadheeshatheertha Swamiji said that the country has got a good leader and the days are not far away when India becomes 'Vishwaguru' (world leader).

He was speaking at the 47th anniversary of Sri Krishna Mitra Mandali at a programme organised under the joint aegis of Sri Krishna Mitra Mandali and Sri Krishna Trust at Sri Krishnadhama in Saraswathipuram here on Apr. 9.

Pointing out that we are now in the era of temples, Swamiji said it is happy to note that many temples of the country are undergoing renovation.

Noting that the biggest thing is happening at Ayodhya where the Ram Mandir is coming up much to the delight of crores of Hindus across the globe, he said that Kashi is now being thronged by visitors across the world.

"The entire world was shattered when the COVID pandemic struck the globe three years ago. But India succeeded in effectively containing the pandemic. Besides, the country came up with vaccines in a record time and distributed it across the world, which act saved lakhs of lives not only in the country but in many other countries as well. The Almighty is the true friend and God will always be present in the minds of those who help others in times of such emergencies," he said.

Writer Rohit Chakratirtha, who also spoke, said that Hindu Dharma is a Sanatana Dharma and stands on Dharma Rakshakas and Cultural leaders. He pointed out that Swamijis are playing a key role in bringing together Hindus.

He also highlighted the role of Mutts in providing Education, Employment, Financial Support etc., to the masses.

Dasavani singer Mysore Ramachandrachar and Saligrama (Udupi district) Makkala Mela Convenor and National awardee H. Sridhar Hande were felicitated on the occasion.

Sri Krishna Mandali President Subramanya R. Tantri, Secretary Srivatsa Rao, Puttanna Bhat, P.S. Ramesh, Padmanabha Bhat, Suresh, P.S. Shekar and others were present.

BSP convention in city: Mayawati likely to address party workers

Mysuru, Apr. 12 (PM&TRR)- Karnataka State Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) General Secretary K.C. Puttasiddashetty has said that the BSP is planning to organise a massive public meeting of party workers in Mysuru city somewhere between Apr. 25 and May 3 and BSP National President Mayawati will participate in the event.

Mayawati

The BSP General Secretary made this announcement at a press conference held at Parthrakartara Bhavan recently.

"Our National President has directed us to field party candidates from all the 224 Assembly Constituencies of Karnataka and as per the directive, necessary arrangements are being done in this connection. BSP workers from across the State will participate in the Mysuru meeting and we are preparing to mobilise over a lakh of party workers," said Puttasiddashetty.

"The public meeting will be organised in Mysuru after the confirmation of the exact date from party President Mayawati. At the meeting, Mayawati will speak in detail about the party's election manifesto and the present political scenario in the country. Dalits and followers of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar will participate in the public meeting," he added.

Stating that Backward Classes and SC/STs will be given party tickets in 100 Constituencies each and the remaining 24 Constituency tickets will be given to upper class candidates who are committed to BSP ideology, Puttasiddashetty said that the party has already selected 90 candidates.

State BSP General Secretary P. Shankar, District Coordinator Chandrashekar, leaders K. Shivakumar and Siddappa were present at the press conference.

Religious awareness key for children to imbibe good qualities

Mysuru, Apr. 12- Chande Mela Kala Sangha President Chandrashekar said that religious awareness holds key for children in developing good qualities.

He was speaking at the valedictory of the 10-day free religious education camp for children aged below 12 years organised by Chande Mela Kala Sangha at Udupi Srikrishna Mandira on N.S. Road here recently.

Pointing out that just as we trust the almighty in a temple's *sanctum sanctorum,* Chandrashekar said that the trust on the soul in our body is also sacred.

Noting that Hinduism is a great religion, he said that lack of awareness has rendered a setback to our religion.

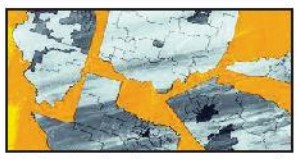
Regretting that the age old tradition of respecting our elders is steadily on the decline with modernity creeping into our society, he said that it is sad to note that the aged are being admitted increasingly in old age homes. He further said that temples must not restrict themselves just to performance of rituals and pujas, but also extend their horizons by becoming centres for carrying out social activities that are aimed at the welfare and prosperity of the society.

More than 150 children, who took part in the camp, were taught Sandhyavandane, Pujas, Strotras, Vishnu Sahasranama etc. Also girl children were taught bhajans, performance of rituals, coastal chende art etc.

Mysuru District Brahmin Yuva Vedike General Secretary Vikram Iyengar, Dr. Chakrapani, Suchitra, Vigneshwar Bhat, Chetan, Nagashri, Chitra, Ramakrishnarao, Gururaj, Kushal Rao, Kartik Rao, Sudarshan Rao, Prajwal and others were present.

WORD OF THE DAY

Gerrymander



Pronunciation: JAIR-ee-man-der.
Meaning: To gerrymander is to divide a state, school district, etc., into political units or election districts that give one group or political party an unfair advantage.
Origin: Elbridge Gerry was a respected politician in the late 1700s and early 1800s. He signed the Declaration of Independence, served as Governor of Massachusetts (1810-1811), and was elected vice-president under James Madison. While Governor, he tried to change the shape of voting districts to help members of his political party get elected. His system resulted in some very oddly shaped districts, including one (Gerry's home district) that looked a little like a newt. Upon seeing a map of the bizarre regional divisions, a member of the opposing party drew feet, wings and a head on Gerry's district and said "That will do for a salamander!" Another member called out "Gerrymander!" Thus gerrymander became a term for such political schemes.
Example: "The House has to redraw its lines every decade to account for population shifts, and that redistricting process has long been dominated by partisans of both sides gerrymandering seats to benefit their party." — Cameron Joseph

THE ODD WORD

Galeanthropy

Belief that one is a cat.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

The game is up

Meaning: The original meaning was 'The game is over - all is lost.' More recently it has come to be used to mean 'we have seen through your tricks - your deceit is exposed.'
Origin: From Shakespeare's Cymbeline, 1611:
Euriphile, Thou wast their nurse; they took thee for their mother,
And every day do honour to her grave:
Myself, Belarius, that am Morgan call'd,
They take for natural father. The game is up.

QUOTE BOX

There are more important things in life than winning or losing a game.

—Lionel Messi

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: At long last.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Choti si ___... : that sweet song from "Roja"?
5 Swan ___ : the famous ballet?
9 Dundee denial
12 Large mop
13 Junkie
14 Decide
15 Buddies
16 Brief literary description
18 Reel or bobbin
20 Ex-India leg spinner L ___ Ramakrishnan
21 A list of duties
24 Artist's support
27 Pig-headed
31 Eggs
32 Oodles
33 Falsehood or fib
34 Test of knowledge
35 Priestly vestment
36 Legally
38 Constructed
41 Greek colonnade
42 Distinctive atmosphere or quality
44 The Earth?
48 Scorns or scoffs at
52 "O, rig" anagram for a prince from literature?
53 Application
54 Graven image
55 Faithful
56 ___ fair to : seem likely to?
57 My Fair ____ : famous adaptation of Shaw's Pygmalion ?
58 Himalayan myth

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

D	A	B	S	■	H	O	W	■	L	A	C	E
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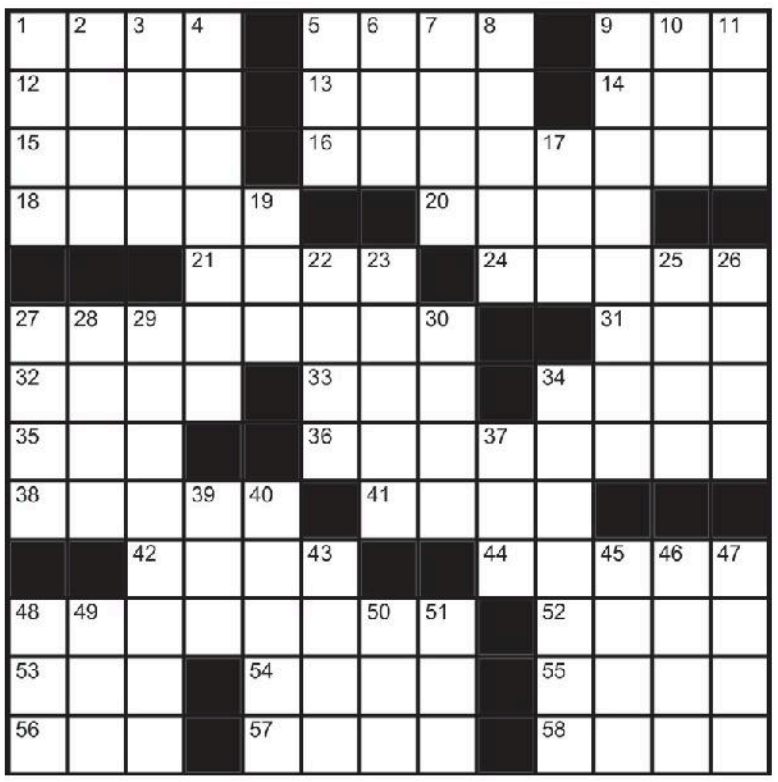
DOWN

1 Venomous snakes
2 Interchange
3 Light round a saint's head
4 Takes in
5 Brother of Kush
6 Airspeed Indicator, abbr.
7 Small casks
8 A boy's pet name - `Irene' anagram?
9 Tell __ _ ____ : keep a secret very well, in a way? (3,1,4)
10 Fitting
11 Estimated Time En route
17 Actress Longoria
19 High tennis shot
22 Take its ___ : be accompanied by loss or injury etc.?
23 Operatic airs
25 Wicked
26 Indolent or slothful
27 Gore, impale or pierce with a lance
28 ___ Balsam: soothing ointment?
29 Impartial
30 Small amphibian of the salamander family
34 Feature, trait or grade
37 Impenetrable mist
39 Colloquial word for a lord?
40 Path or spoor
43 Operatic lady
45 Shrek for one
46 A spell of boxing
47 Able was I, ___ __ saw Elba? (3,1)
48 Confer knighthood
49 Pakistan's intelligence agency
50 Incline head
51 Wily and cunning



SUDOKU

		2	3		7	1		
9								2
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8								3
		9	6		3	5		

Answer to previous puzzle

3	2	9	6	7	4	5	8	1
8	4	5	1	9	3	2	6	7
1	6	7	2	5	8	9	3	4
4	5	8	7	1	9	6	2	3
2	9	6	3	4	5	7	1	8
7	1	3	8	6	2	4	9	5
5	3	4	9	2	1	8	7	6
9	7	1	5	8	6	3	4	2
6	8	2	4	3	7	1	5	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

TLZC LK EQFO QFXXCIK OP SPB EQLTC

SPB'HC VBKS NFJLIR POQCH XTFIK.

TODAY'S CLUE: R EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Artificial Intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.

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Praveena (K)	(S-1)	10.30 am
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	(S-4)	10.50 am, 7.40 pm, 10.15 pm
Dasara (Te)	(S-1)	3.45 pm
Ravanasura (Te)	(S-1)	6.55 pm, 9.45 pm
Super Mario Bros Movie (E)	(S-2)	11 am, 1.05 pm, 3.10 pm
The Pope's Exorcist (E)	(S-2)	5.10 pm, 7.30 pm, 9.45 pm
Ramachari 2.0 (K)	(S-3)	10.45 am
August 16 1947 (Ta)	(S-3)	1.30 pm
Pentagon (K)	(S-3)	4.20 pm
Gumraah (H)	(S-3)	7.30 pm, 10.10 pm
Veeram (K)	(S-4)	1.30 pm, 4.35 pm

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Gurudev Hoysala (K)	:	10.30 am, 4.00 pm, 6.40 pm
Praveena (K)	:	10.30 am
Ravanasura (Te)	:	10.45 am, 4.30 pm, 9.15 pm
Pentagon (K)	:	1.05 pm, 4.30 pm
Viduthalai Part - 1 (Ta)	:	1.10 pm, 9.15 pm
Ramachari 2.0 (K)	:	4.00 pm
August 16, 1947 (Ta)	:	6.30 pm
Laika (Ma)	:	9.15 pm

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Dasara (Te)	:	9.35 am, 4.10 pm, 10.30 pm
Gurudev Hoysala (K)	:	10.15 am, 4.20 pm, 9.30 pm
Praveena (K)	:	11.00 am
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John Wick: Chapter 4 (E)	:	12.50 pm, 10.20 pm
Meter (Te)	:	12.55 pm, 6.40 pm
Ravanasura (Te)	:	1.05 pm, 7.25 pm, 10.15 pm
The Pope's Exorcist (E)	:	1.50 pm, 7.35 pm
Ramachari 2.0 (K)	:	3.45 pm
Veeram (K)	:	4.15 pm, 10.00 pm
Viduthalai Part - 1 (Ta)	:	7.10 pm
Nam Naani Maduve Prasanga (K)	:	7.20 pm

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Praveena (K)	:	10.00 am
Super Mario Bros. Movie (E-3D)	:	10.05 am, 12.30 pm, 2.45 pm 5.00 pm, 7.15 pm
The Pope's Exorcist (E)	:	10.40 am, 9.30 pm
Veeram (K)	:	11.00 am, 5.55 pm
Ravanasura (Te)	:	12.55 pm, 3.55 pm 7.10 pm, 10.10 pm
Gurudev Hoysala (K)	:	1.05 pm, 7.00 pm, 10:00 pm
Pentagon (K)	:	2.20 pm
Dasara (Te)	:	3.55 pm, 9.50 pm

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Gurudev Hoysala (K)	(S-1)	1.35 pm, 7.15 pm
	(S-4)	10.15 am, 10.30 pm
Veeram (K)	(S-2)	2.00 pm, 10.20 pm
	(S-3)	3.10 pm
John Wick: Chapter 4 (E)	(S-2)	10.35 am; (S-3) 6.25 pm
Super Mario Bros. Movie (E-3D)	(S-4)	1 pm, 6.10 pm, 8.20 pm
Ravanasura (Te)	(S-1)	10.40 am, 4.20 pm, 10 pm
Gumraah (H)	(S-3)	10.05 am, 9.50 pm
	(S-2)	5.15 pm
The Popes Exorcist (E)	(S-2)	8 pm; (S-3) 12.50 pm
August 16, 1947 (Ta)	(S-4)	3.10 pm

INOX Centro Mysore - Mob. : 9606976757

Gurudev Hoysala (K)	(S-1)	10.20 am; (S-4) 1.45 pm
	(S-3)	4.20 pm, 9.50 pm
The Popes Exorcist (E)	(S-2)	10.25 am
	(S-4)	4.30 pm, 10.20 pm
Dasara (Te)	(S-2)	10.00 pm
Veeram (K)	(S-3)	10.10 am
	(S-1)	1.05 pm, 7.15 pm
Ravanasura (Te)	(S-3)	1.25 pm
	(S-1)	4.20 pm, 10.30 pm
Super Mario bros. Movie (E-3D)	(S-2)	12.45 pm, 5.40 pm, 7.50 pm
Ramachari 2.0 (K)	(S-2)	2.55 pm
Pentagon (K)	(S-4)	6.50 pm
Nam Naani Maduve Prasanga (K)	(S-3)	7.05 pm
Praveena (K)	(S-4)	11.10 am

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

'Guruve Namah' Award conferred

*Seen are (from left) **Bengaluru Assn. Secretary Bhavani, Mangala Srinivas, Sudha Mruthyunjayappa, Bengaluru Association President Ganga Sridhar, AIHBA Vice-President Anthony David, AIHBA President Sangeetha Chouhan, AIHBA Mysuru President Uma Jadhav, Padmashree, Meenakshi Vijay, Shanthagowda and Ramamani.***

Mysuru, Apr. 12- All India Hair and Beauty Associates (AIHBA) felicitated seven beauty experts with 'Guruve Namah' award at a recent event held at Palace Grounds in Bengaluru, in recognition of the training and also free training to rural persons in various courses like make-up, haircuts, nail art, beautician training and encouraged them to make a living for the past 35 years.

The awardees are as follows: Uma Jadhav, Cosmos Make-up Studio & Academy, Mysuru and President, All India Hair and Beauty Associates, Mysuru; Shantha Gowda, Mysuru; Padmashree, Mysuru; Ramamani, Maddur; Meenakshi Vijay, Mysuru; Mangala Srinivas, Saraguru and Sudha Mruthyunjayappa, Mysuru.

EVENTS TODAY (APRIL 12)

- **Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti:** Discourse on 'Bhagavad Gita - Chapter 7' by Bheemasenacharya Pandurangi, Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5 pm.**
- **Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysuru Local Centre:** Presentation on 'A.C. Motors for Industrial Applications' by H. Guru Prasad, retd. General Manager (Technical Services), Kudremukh Iron Ore Co. Ltd. and former Assistant Sales Manager, Kirloskar Electric Co., Bengaluru, B.S. Prabhakara, Chairman, IEI Mysuru, presides, S.P. Bhat Hall, IEI premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **The Literary Criterion Centre, Dhvanyaloka, Mysuru:** Conferring of Prof. CDN Memorial Award Ceremony 2023 on Dr. RVS Sundaram (renowned scholar and folklorist); Memorial lecture on 'Difficulties and challenges of translating Classical Kannada Texts' by Dr. RVS Sundaram, Dhvanyaloka, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Public Charitable Trust:** 133rd anniversary of Sri Ramothsava celebrations, 'Sangeethotsava - 2023,' Shayanotsava, Devaranama by Vidu. Pooja Sugam and team, Alamma's Choultry, near Moole Rama Mandira, Srirampet, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (APRIL 13)

- **Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti:** Discourse on 'Bhagavad Gita - Chapter 7' by Bheemasenacharya Pandurangi, Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Jnanayoganandaji speaks on 'Adhyatma Ramayana,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Chinmaya Mission:** Krishna Rao Prakash delivers discourse on 'Pathanjaliya Yoga Sootragalu - Samadhi Paada,' Yajnashale, Datta Sannidhi, Chinmaya Mission, Gokulam, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Public Charitable Trust:** 133rd anniversary of Sri Ramothsava celebrations, 'Sangeethotsava - 2023,' Olagudi Utsava; Classical Music by Vidu. Chaitrika and team, Alamma's Choultry, near Moole Rama Mandira, Srirampet, **6.30 pm.**

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TODAY'S MATCH (APRIL 12)

CSK Vs RR — 7.30 pm
M.A. Chidambaram Stadium, Chennai

TOMORROW'S MATCH (APRIL 13)

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YESTERDAY'S RESULT

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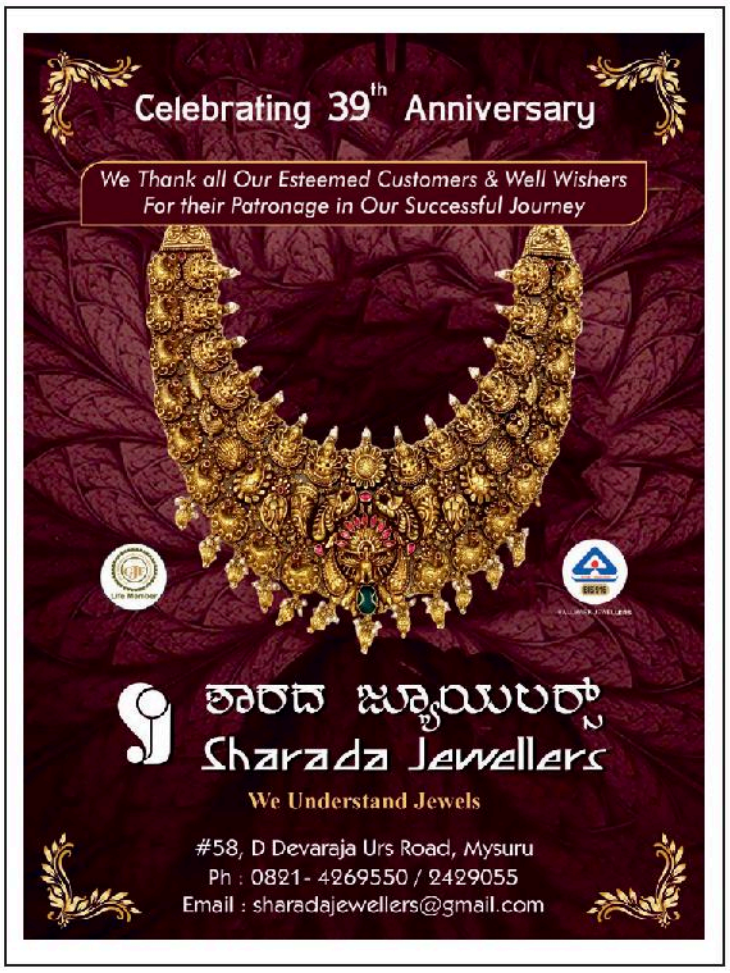
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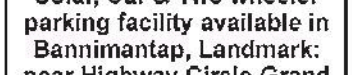

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